

**TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall- 16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
November 10, 2021**

Call to Order

The Allenstown Economic Development Committee Meeting of November 10, 2021 was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Mike Frascinella.

Chair Frascinella called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present on the Board: Chair Frascinella, Ron Adinolfo, Scott McDonald

Excused: Chad Pelissier

Other: Derik Goodine, Town Administrator (via Zoom), Heather Bolduc (Parks & Rec)

OLD BUSINESS

- **Grant for Historic Site Markers:**

Chair Frascinella has been in contact with Nathan Gauntt from the State Prison Workshop and it sounds promising. He sent Mr. Gauntt the copy of the text and he said they have a type of material that he can get in different colors that looks like metal, so it would be dark green and the letters would be in white. He spoke to him last week and he would have the 8x10 or 9x12 samples ready for him to pick up when ready. Chair Frascinella said the estimated cost for 8x10 or 9x12 was to be less than 100.00 each which would include a mounting board. He said he will get more details about the mounting and hopefully he will have a sample of the sign and the mounting for the next meeting.

- **Water Line for Ice Rink:**

Chair Frascinella said the Board approved up to \$1,000 for Town Hall plumbing inside the Town Hall basement and piping to ice rink and the water line was installed last week. He said at this point, their main goal is to get the water line complete and Mr. Pelissier would investigate the levelness of the field. Mr. Pelissier was able to obtain large sheets of heavy duty plastic to underlay beneath the rink as extra protection.

- **Commercial Properties Work Session:**

Chair Frascinella said the open issue is who the local contact is at Plourde Sand and Gravel.

Chair Frascinella said he has been getting a weekly set of photos from one of the people who are managing the Optimus facility.

- **Fishing Bear:**

Chair Frascinella said he has not yet heard from the wood carver as to how that is going but they do not really need it until next spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2022 EDC Budget**

Chair Frascinella said that Mr. Goodine allotted a budget of \$5,000 for the coming year. He has a project list based on last years. He said he would like to get the Board's feedback.

He said the Economic Development Committee calendar is online so you can easily see what they are doing in any month.

Chair Frascinella said he needs to get in touch with Mr. Pelissier regarding the welcome banners so they can be removed and stored.

He said they had three concerts this year and the last two were not highly attended as the one in May. He said the heat could have attributed to the low turnout and the fact that school was out. Chair Frascinella said the Crazy Steve concert also had a low turnout and he is not sure what contributed to that. He asked whether they still want to plan three and what dates should they schedule? Mr. McDonald said the first concert was planned with a cornhole tournament which boosted the attendance. Chair Frascinella said they could plan an event similar to pair with the concert.

Chair Frascinella said he spoke to someone in town who runs the Suncook River Convenience store and provided food for the baseball game. Chair Frascinella told him that they had trouble getting food concession for the concerts and asked him what the cost would be to hire him. The gentleman told him minimum \$150.00 which is similar to what Mr. Klawes said he was making in revenue at the concerts. The gentleman serves all types of food and has a equipped food truck.

Chair Frascinella said he could contact Mr. Venegas to see if he could assist with the cornhole portion of the concert. Mr. Adinolfo said he has heard the Suncook River Convenience serves good food. Mr. McDonald said the store is very clean inside.

Chair Frascinella said they have time to plan and last year they did not settle on their events until February.

Mr. Adinolfo asked how they were going to pay for the historic markers. Chair Frascinella said that will come out of a grant from the library and Ms. Randlett was willing to allocate approximately \$1,600 which would cover a great deal of the cost.

Chair Frascinella said they had discussed having a movie night in the early part of the year using the ARD gym as a location. Mr. McDonald said they could put the inflatable screen up on the stage.

- **Christmas Lighting Contest**

Mr. McDonald said they could do a holiday themed movie to correspond with the Christmas Lighting Contest where the winners could be announced.

Chair Frascinella said it would be difficult to manage two events so close together.

He showed the Board the website for the contest, which begins November 15th, ending with the awards ceremony of December 18th. He believes at the last meeting, they decided to have prizes 1st, 2nd or 3rd place.

Chair Frascinella said he was looking for someone to forward the votes to as they come in. Mr. McDonald said he believed he already volunteered to do that and said he would also get the trophies.

- **State Park Passes**

Chair Frascinella said with regard to the State Park passes, he believed they only purchased one last year. He said he needs to ask the librarian how many people used the pass to determine whether it's worth it to get more. Mr. McDonald agreed with this plan and he believes the State should not be charging Allenstown residents to use Bear Brook.

- **Boat Launch**

Chair Frascinella said they have not done much recently with regard to the boat launch project except ordering the fishing bear. He said they had discussed putting picnic tables, fire places and a floating dock. Mr. Adinolfo asked if they had purchased anything yet. Chair Frascinella does not think they did.

Chair Frascinella said the fireplaces would be like what is currently at Memorial Field, which is a prefabricated grill and they would buy metal type picnic tables as opposed to wooden.

Chair Frascinella said the kit for the ice skating rink was already purchased and they need to figure out a date based on the weather to install it. Mr. Adinolfo said Mr. Pelissier was aiming for Thanksgiving weekend. There was a discussion regarding the rink kit and how it is constructed.

Mr. McDonald said with regard to the commercial properties, he asked if they saw the report from Washington regarding inflation. He said at some point they are going to see the type of inflation in the late 70's and early 80's and he is not sure if they will need extra incentives for businesses to move into town. Mr. Adinolfo said it is concerning that contractors are hard to come by, so projects are behind schedule because of it.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - October 27, 2021

Mr. McDonald made a Motion to approve the minutes from October 27, 2021 as written. Mr. Adinolfo seconded the Motion.

Roll Call vote was taken.

Mike Frascinella- Aye

Scott McDonald- Aye

Ron Adinolfo –Aye

The Motion passed.

Chair Frascinella said the next Wednesday open for a meeting is the day before Thanksgiving. Mr. McDonald said that was not a good day for him. Mr. Frascinella said the next meeting could potentially be December 1st and he will check with Mr. O'Meara to see if he will be having a Planning Board meeting on that date.

Mr. Adinolfo made a Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Mr. McDonald seconded the Motion.

Roll Call vote was taken.

Mike Frascinella- Aye

Scott McDonald- Aye

Ron Adinolfo –Aye

The Motion passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

November 10, 2021

Michael Frascinella, Chairman



Date signed 12/8/21

Chad Pelissier, Vice Chairman



Date signed 12/8/2021

Jeffrey Venegas, Member

Date signed _____

Ron Adinolfo, Member

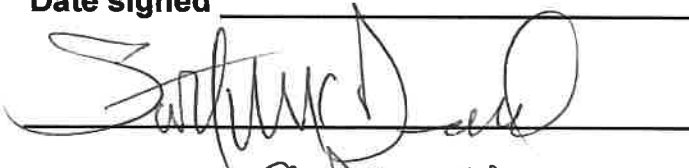


Date signed 12-8-2021

Rich Caruso, Member

Date signed _____

Scott McDonald, Selectman Rep.



Date signed 8 Dec 2021